

refueling, cargo and troop transport aircraft. Colonel Bentley is a veteran of the Southeast Asia conflict having flown 60 combat hours there.

Throughout his career, Colonel Bentley earned numerous medals some of which include the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with service star and the Vietnam Service Medal. His commitment to service and the protection of America and her citizens is an example of the greatness that exists within this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, in my district of Riverside, California we are fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated individuals who give unselfishly of their time, talents and their lives to ensure the well-being of our city, state, nation and in Colonel Peter T. Bentley's case—world.

**TRIBUTE TO REGIS COLLEGE OF
WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS ON
ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Regis College of Weston, Massachusetts on its 75th anniversary.

Founded in 1927 by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Regis College is one of the leading Catholic liberal arts and sciences college for women. With more than 10,000 graduates world wide, the Regis college curriculum provides an intellectual base from which its students can acquire the values, ideas, techniques and habits which allow continual self-education. Regis College is committed to exploring the needs and problems of the changing world and thus shapes the liberal arts curriculum to assure graduates an excellent foundation for future success.

As a women's college, Regis is devoted to building awareness of women's roles in society and provides a solid structure for women to develop into leaders of the future.

I commend Regis College on its successes and its 75th anniversary.

**THANK YOU, MARS, FOR THE RED,
WHITE, AND BLUE M&M'S**

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this chamber today to recognize the efforts of one of the Commonwealth of Virginia's foremost corporate citizens Mars, Incorporated based in McLean, Virginia. The Mars family and Mars associates have a long history of support for this nation. Mars, Incorporated's M&M's were a favorite of American GIs serving in World War II. In those days, the candy was packaged in cardboard tubs, and were both sold to servicemen and included in C-rations. They were a convenient snack that traveled well in any climate. Today, American servicemen and women will commonly find M&M's in the "Meal-Ready-to-Eat" packages issued to them in the field.

Immediately following the attacks on September 11, Mars associates wanted to do something to help the rescue and recovery efforts in New York City and at the Pentagon. These plant associates came up with the idea of producing special M&M's, in Red, White and Blue colors, to be distributed to the rescue and recovery workers carrying out their duty in lower Manhattan and at the Pentagon. Mars associates produced and sent rescue and recovery workers over 500 cases of these special M&M's.

As word of these special candies circulated, Mars, Incorporated has been deluged with requests from consumers for the Red, White and Blue M&M's. In response, Mars, Incorporated is partnering with the American Red Cross to develop a program through which Red, White and Blue M&M's will be made available for retail sale with 100% of the profits going to the American Red Cross disaster relief funds. Red, White and Blue M&M's are also on their way to military commissaries around the country.

In the same spirit, other Mars, Incorporated facilities and subsidiaries also stepped up to help. On the date of the terrorist attacks, a company promotional vehicle was in Boston. When Mars, Incorporated became aware of the attack on the World Trade Center, it immediately diverted its vehicle to New York, initially to Shea Stadium, where media reports indicated that rescue workers would be congregating after their shifts. With its working kitchen and self-contained power generation, the New York Police Department dispatched the vehicle to Ground Zero. Beginning on the evening of September 11, the vehicle and crew provided over 10,000 hot meals, along with coffee and snacks.

I stand today in salute of the efforts by Mars, Incorporated. May their actions be a guide to other corporations, demonstrating that successful corporations can also be good corporate citizens and lend a hand in our nation's time of great need.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO STEVE
SAMEK**

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serve and protect the citizens of the State of Colorado. Sergeant Steve Samek of the Pueblo Police Department has faithfully served his fellow Coloradans for over twenty-six years. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, Steve announced his retirement from the force in December of last year. As he looks forward to a new career, I would like to take this time to highlight Steve's service to his community.

Steve has faithfully served the Pueblo Police Department in various capacities throughout his long career. As a member of the Narcotics Division, he worked to keep our streets safe and free of drugs. He trained to defend our citizens and protect their lives as a supervisor of the department's SWAT team. Most recently, he headed the Internal Affairs Division to ensure our peace officers are respon-

sible in the enforcement of our laws and properly execute their role in the community. I understand his retirement will not last long, since a body armor manufacturer has recently acquired his expertise and I am confident that the experience and diligence Steve has shown in his dedication to law enforcement will serve him well as he prepares to help protect his fellow officers.

Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our peace officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their fellow citizen's rights and protection. They work tirelessly and with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserve the recognition and thanks of this body of Congress and this is why I bring the name of officers like Steve Samek to light today. I wish you all the best Steve and good luck in your future endeavors. Thanks for your service to Pueblo, Colorado.

**TRIBUTE TO MARTIN AND GRACIA
BURNHAM**

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 257th day that Martin and Gracia Burnham have been help captive by Muslim terrorists in the Philippines.

Martin and Gracia Burnham have devoted their lives to helping others as missionaries with the New Tribes Mission since 1985. They have been stationed in the Philippines where Martin flies medical supplies to those in need and they both help with education.

The Burnhams inspire all those they meet with their selflessness, energy, infectious laughter, gentle spirits, overwhelming faith and love of life.

It is heartbreaking for the Burnham's loved ones to know that there is little they can do to help Martin and Gracia in their hour of greatest need—the hour that for so many others Martin and Gracia committed their lives to serving.

In closing, Monday, February 11th is the 15th birthday of Martin and Gracia's oldest son, Jeffrey. Unfortunately it seems that Jeff, like his siblings Mindy and Zach, will have to celebrate his birthday without his parents. I ask that you join me in sending Jeff warm birthday wishes and praying that he receives the present he most wants—his parents' safe release.

**CROSSROADS MIDDLE/HIGH
SCHOOL**

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Cherokee County is proud not only of its traditional school system, but also its emerging programs that reach out to students with additional needs—students who are bright and full of potential, but do not do not thrive in traditional